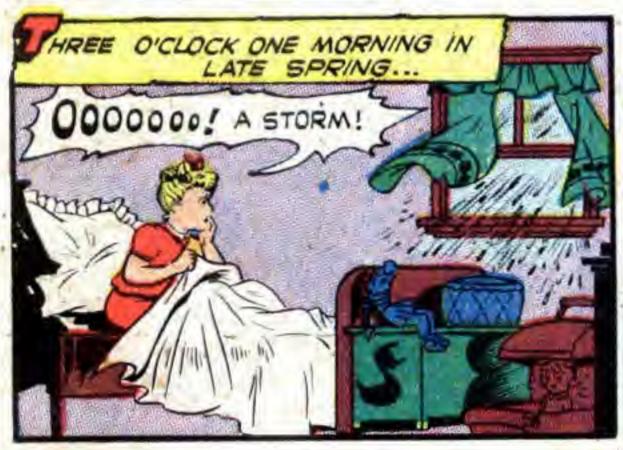






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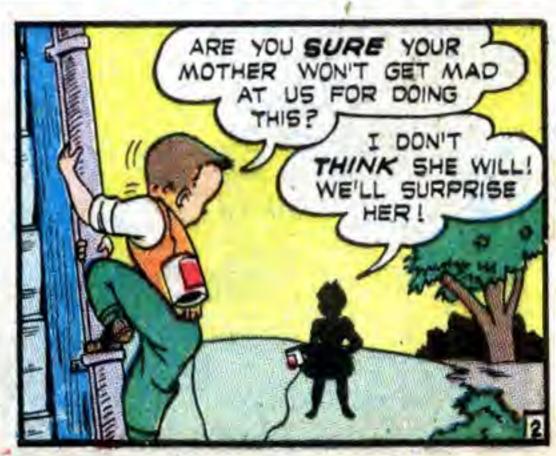








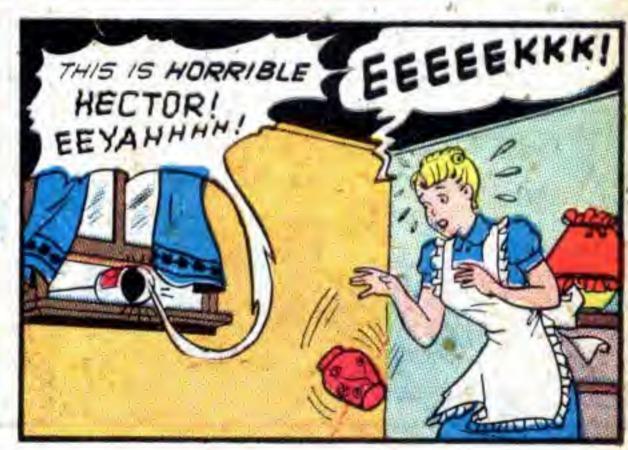




































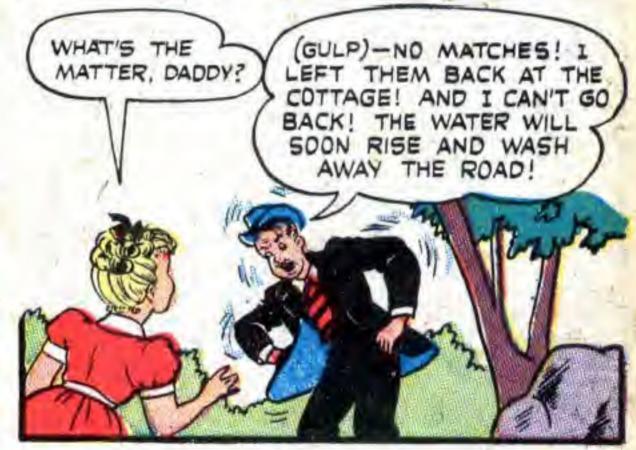














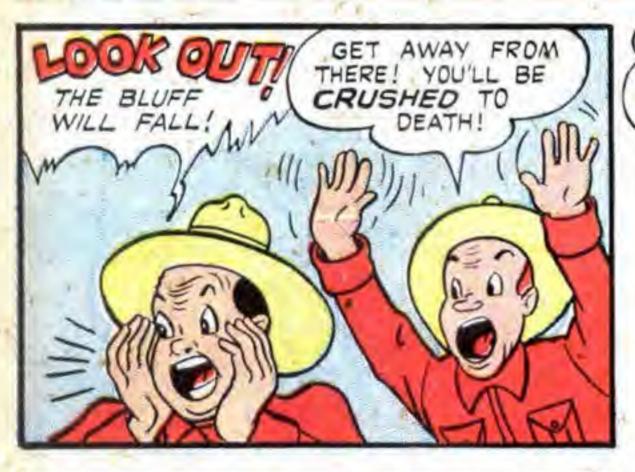












WHAT ARE THOSE
MEN SAYING, DADDY?
LOOK - THEY'RE
WAVING AT US!

GUESS THEY'RE JUST NATURALLY FRIENDLY! I CAN'T HEAR WHAT THEY'RE SAYING, THOUGH













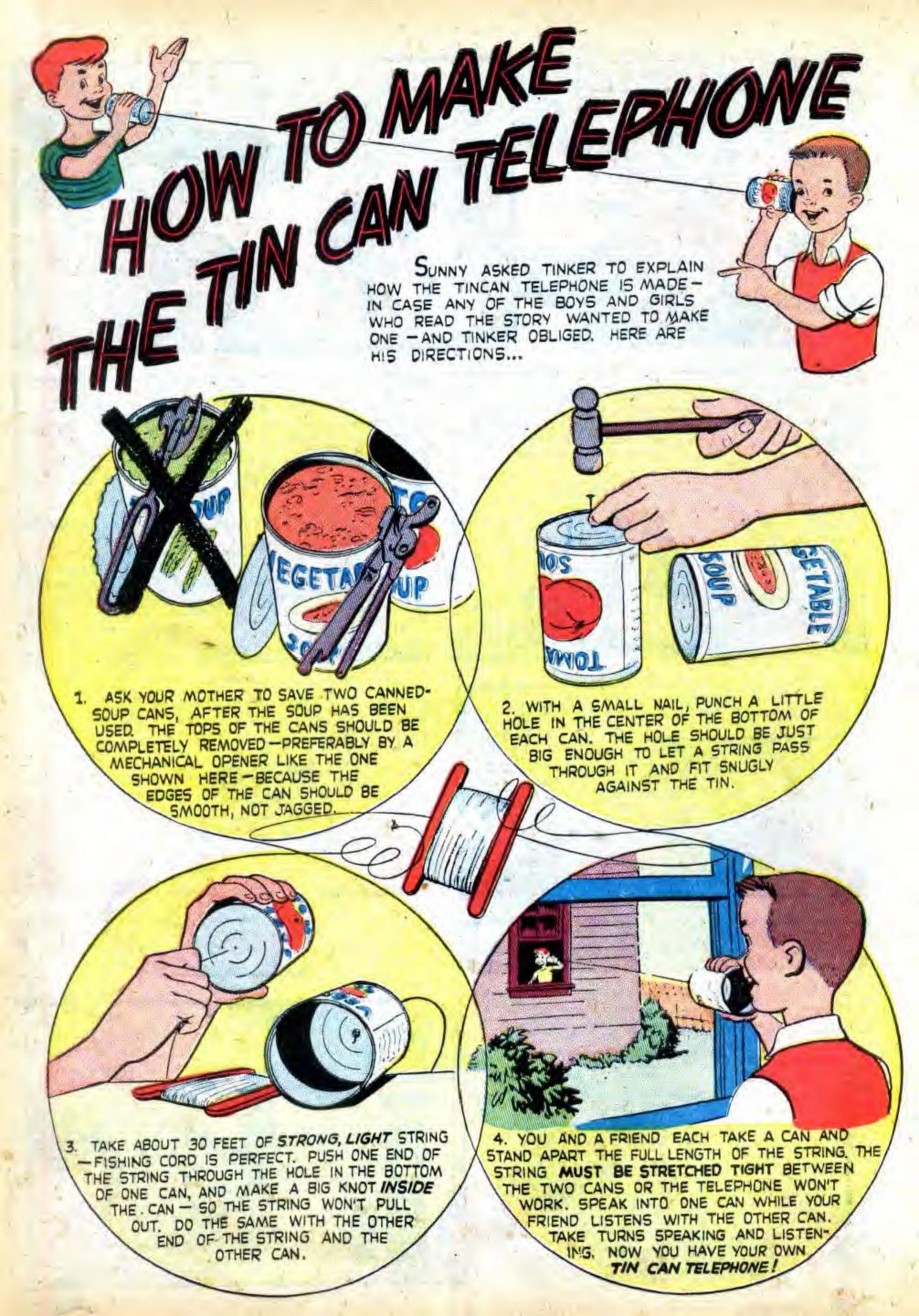


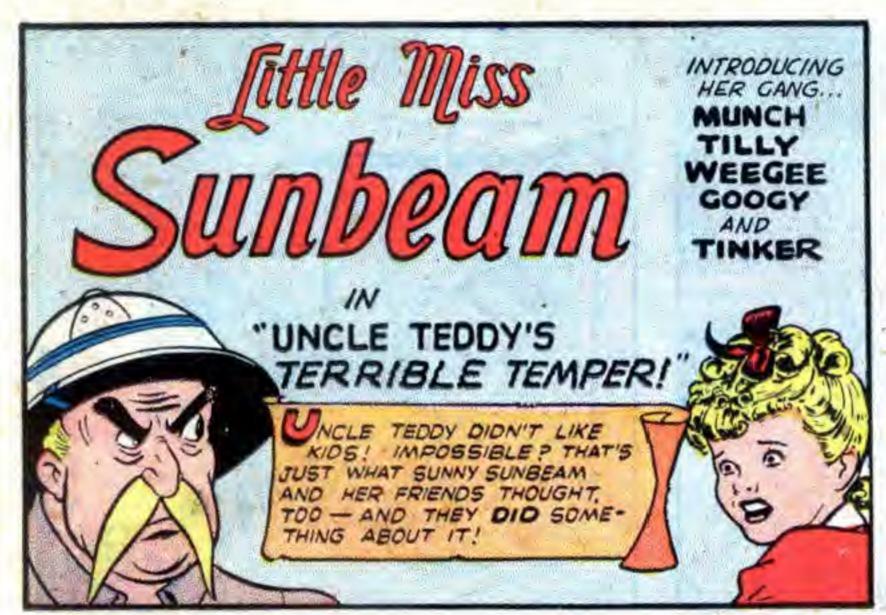


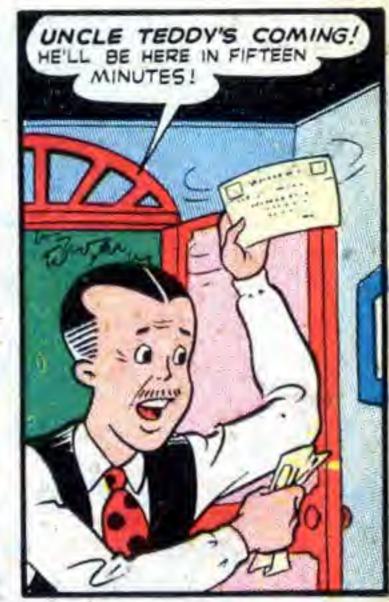
















NOTHING CAN CHEER HIM UP! HIS RUINED ROMANCE SOURED HIM ON LIFE. HE'S THE MOST TERRIBLE GROUCH IN THE WORLD! OH, WHAT'LL WE DO?

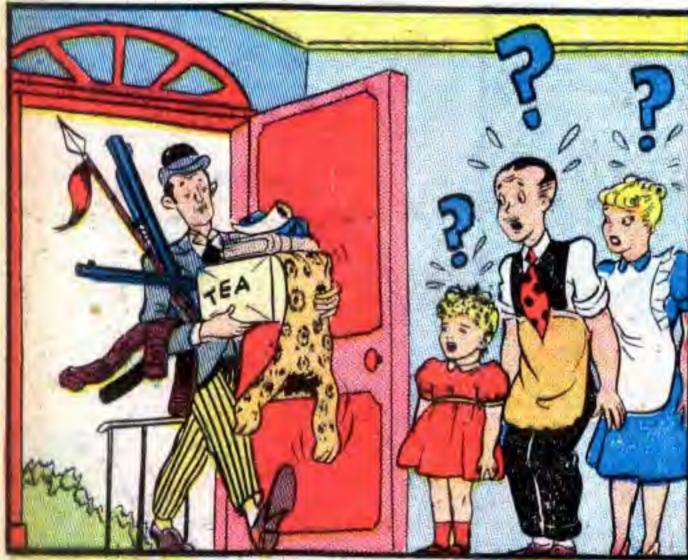






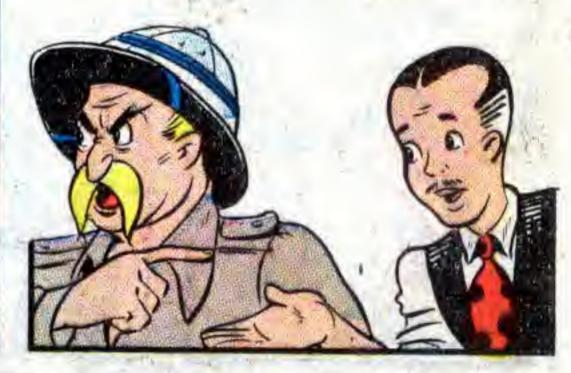






PARKER! UNLOAD THAT
EQUIPMENT IN THIS ROOM
AND GET OUT! I MUST
HAVE SILENCE —
ABSOLUTE QUIET!

HELLO, UNCLE TEDDY...





EH? OH, YES - MY NEPHEW! HMMM

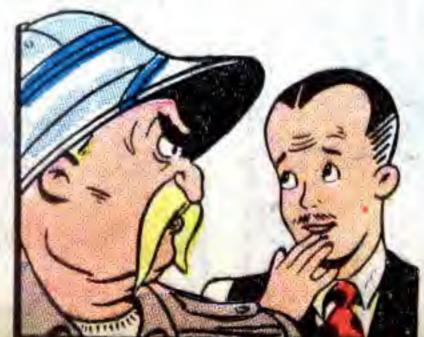
A LITTLE BIT OF FRESH AIR

AND EXERCISE WOULD MAKE A

MAN OUT OF YOU,

YOUNG FELLOW! I-ER-AH

-YESSIR!



















I MAKE A MOTION - THAT WE ALL GO DOWN













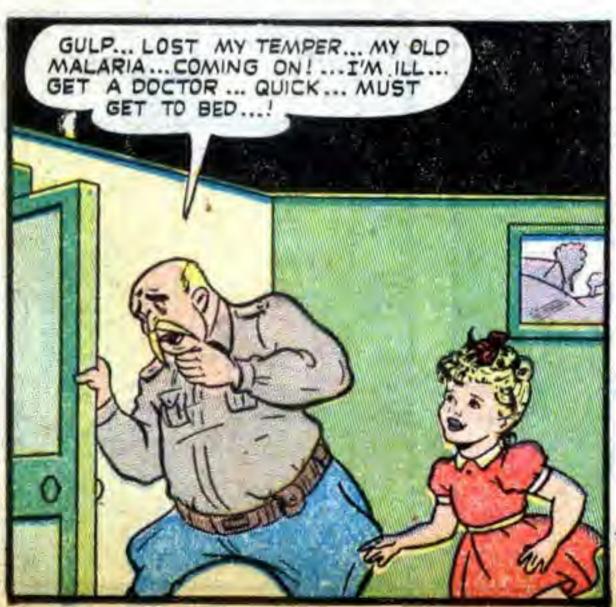










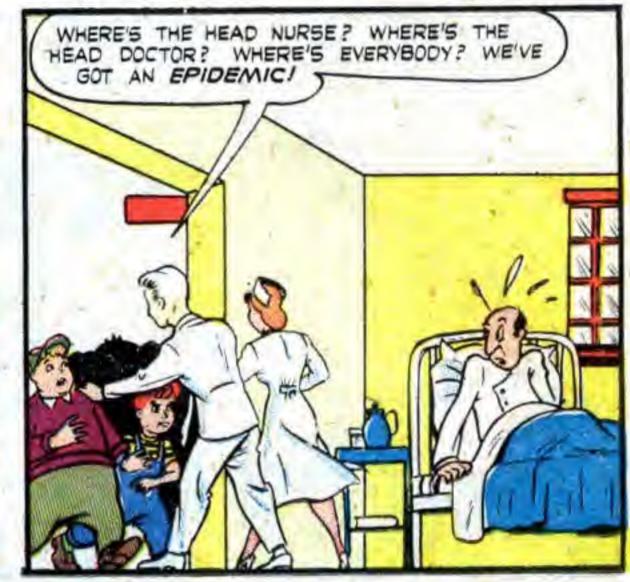






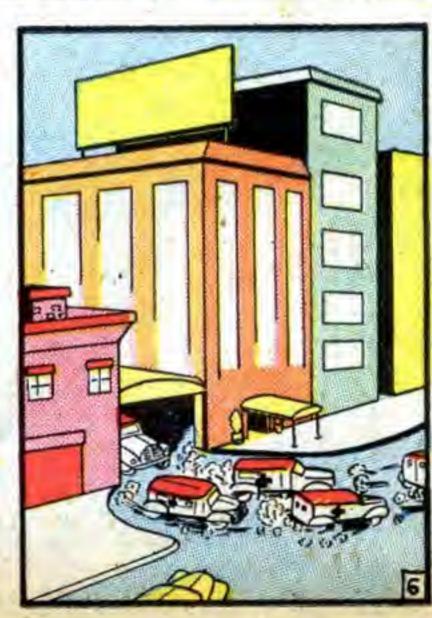
















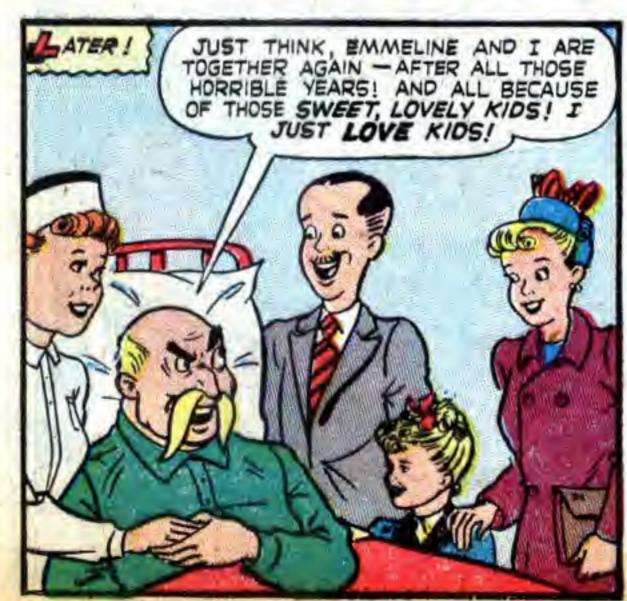




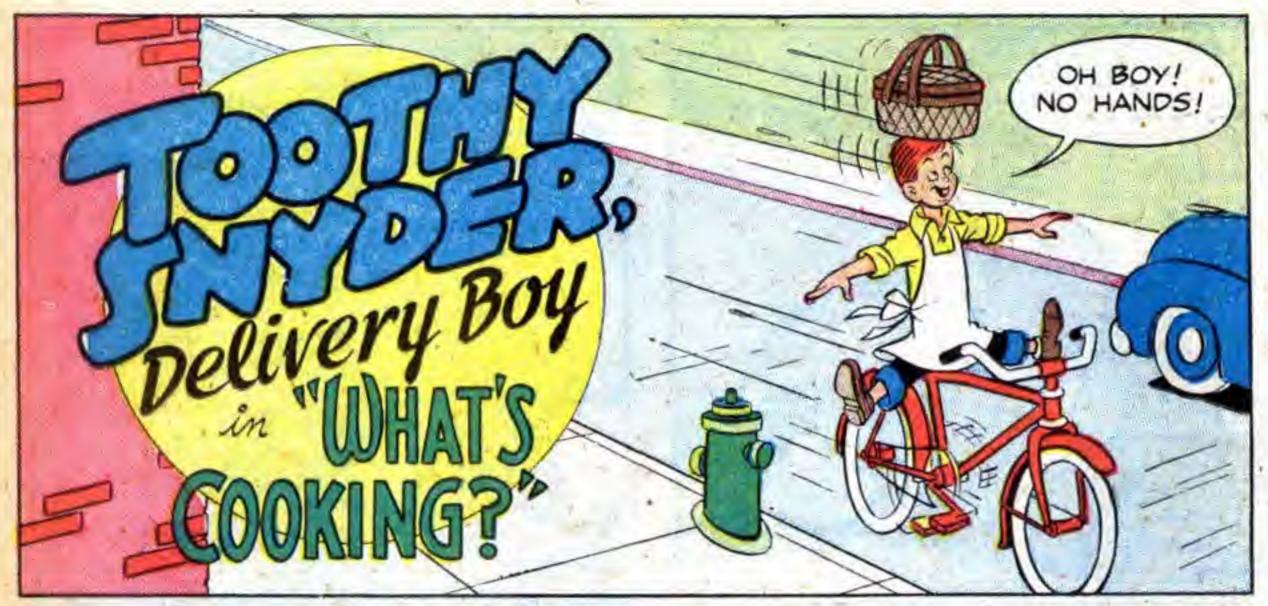


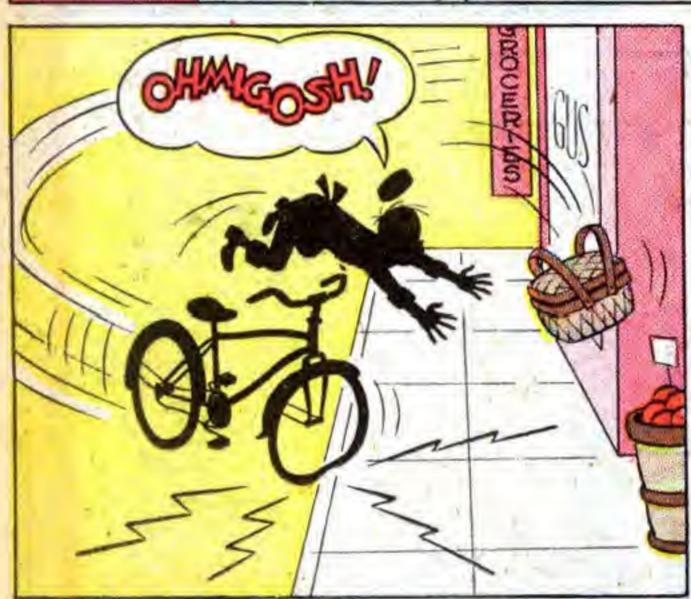
THAT NURSE - UNCLE TEDDY'S

GREAT ROMANCE! OF COURSE.

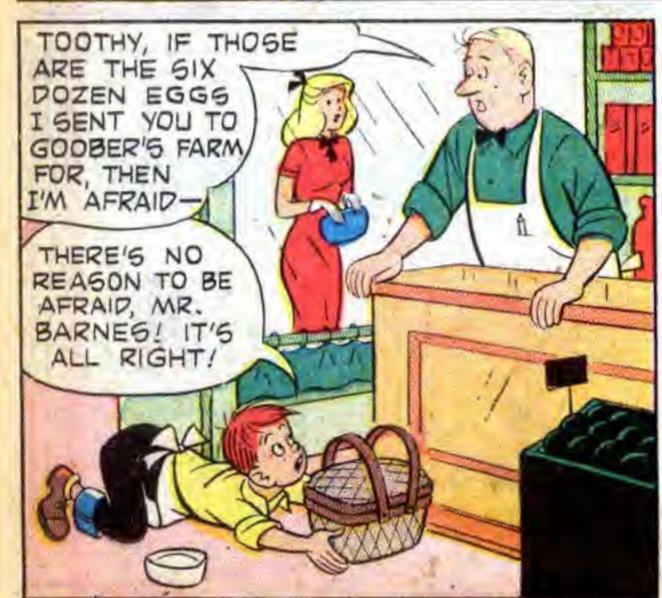




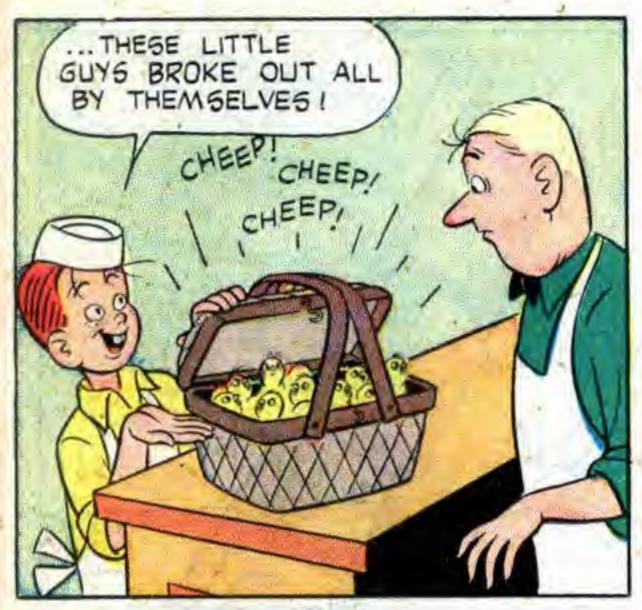


















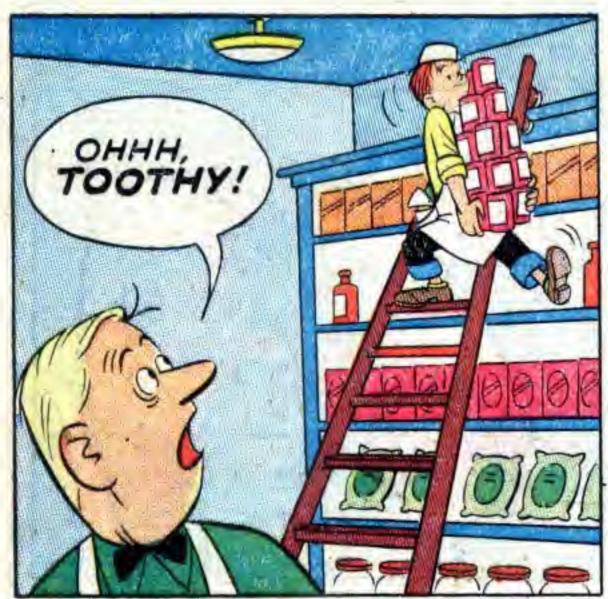


YOU SEE, MY HUSBAND IS BRING. ING HIS BOSS HOME TO DINNER AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HAD TO COOK A MEAL! I'M 50 UPSET, I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT! WHY NOT LET ME PLAN YOUR MEAL? AFTER ALL, THIS IS MY BUSINESS. I'LL SELECT FCODS VERY

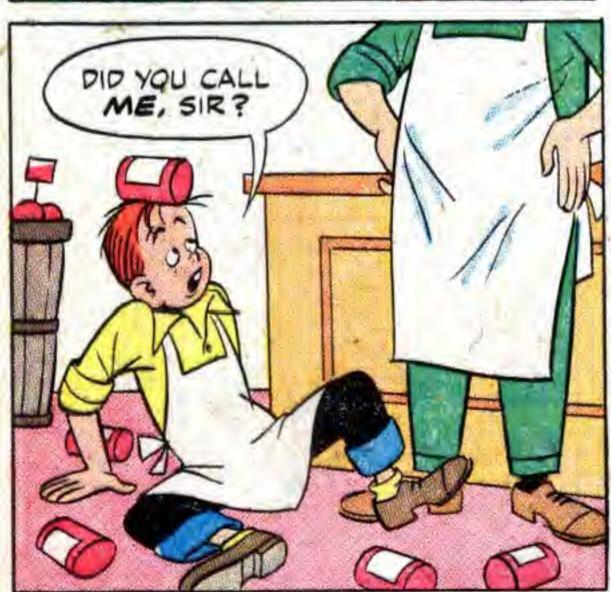
EASY TO

COOK!











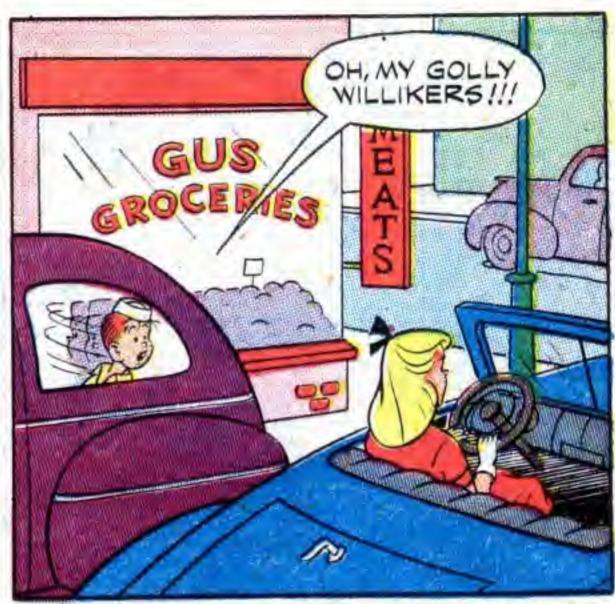
YES, BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT SUCH











WELL, OF ALL THE NERVE! USING MY CAR AS A TAXI! THEN DEMANDING TO BE LET OUT HERE!

MRS. YOUNG! Y00-H00, MRS. YOUNG!



MY GOODNESS, TOOTHY! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU! NO, MA'AM-NEITHER DID I!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, AT MRS. YOUNG'S APARTMENT ... BE CAREFUL, TOOTHY. I HAVEN'T FINISHED CLEAN-ING THIS ROOM . DON'T TRIP OVER ANYTHING!





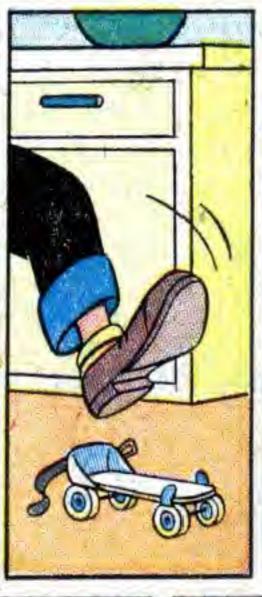












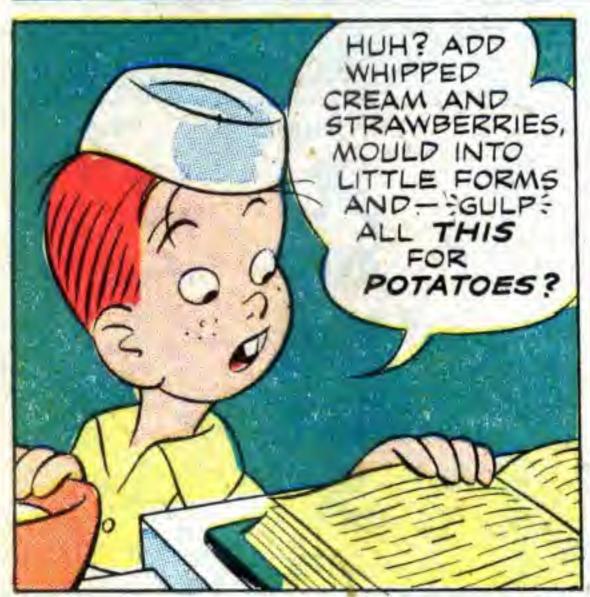


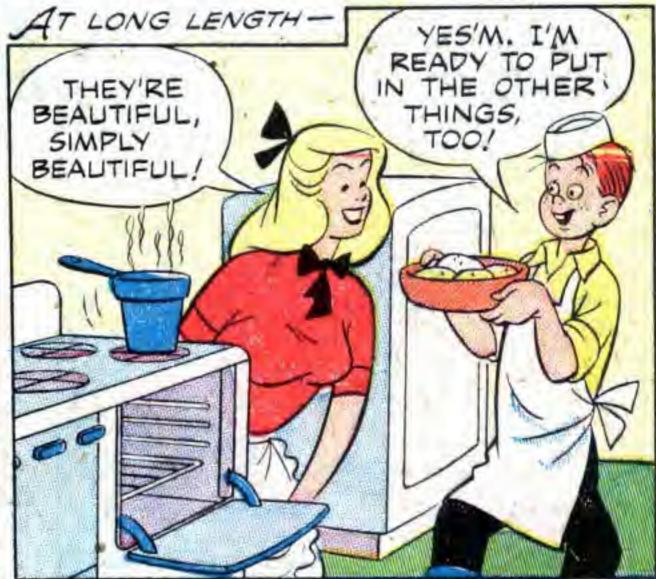












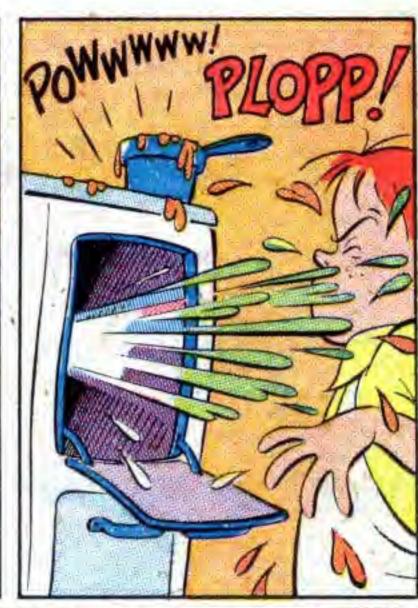






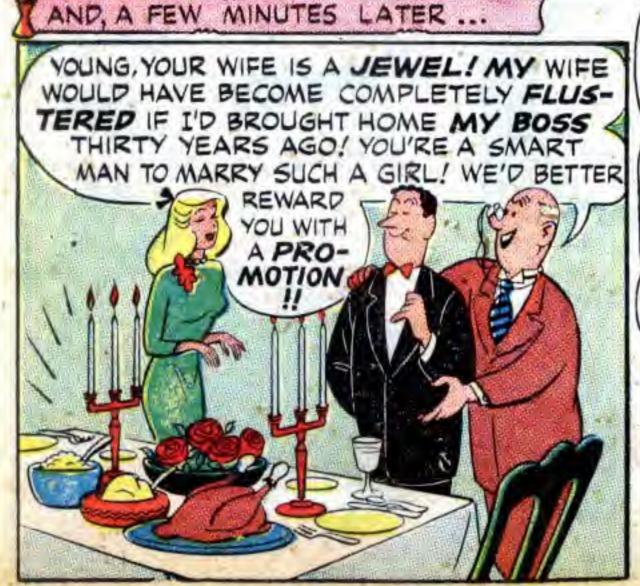












TOOTHY, IF THAT
NICE MR.BARNESL,
HADN'T SUGGESTED
THAT YOU GO
AROUND TO ALL
YOUR CUSTOMERS
AND ASK THEM FOR
THEIR BEST DISHES
FOR DINNER, I'D
NEVER HAVE MADE
IT! AND YOU-YOU'VE
BEEN WONDERFUL!





CINDERELLA'S SISTER

SUNNY'S blue eyes were blurred with sandor, half-asleep, you might say. The greencovered book she had been reading was closed over the fingers of her right hand, and her other hand was curled over the top of her golden hair.

"I wonder," she muttered drowsily, "whatever became of Cinderella's sisters, after

she married the Prince . . .?"

Sunny yawned — and even though she was now more asleep than awake, she remembered to put her hand over her mouth, the way Mommy had taught her to do. Then she wriggled to a more comfortable position on the couch, and before another minute had passed she was in dreamland.

The next thing she knew, somebody was shaking her shoulder, none too gently, and a harsh voice was saying to her:

"Cinderella! Cinderella! Get up out of those ashes and comb my hair! And wash your hands

first!"

Sunny blinked her eyes. Then she opened them wide. Then she sat up. And then she sneezed.

"See?" the unpleasant voice said. "That's what happens when you sleep in those cinders!

They make you sneeze!"

"So they do, so they do." Sunny sneezed again. "But why did you call me Cinderella?

My name is Sunny."

"Hmmmf!" sniffed the voice. "It was Cinderella this morning, and it was Cinderella this afternoon; I don't see why it shouldn't be Cinderella this evening! Sunny! Sunny indeed!"

"Not Sunny Indeed," replied Sunny. "Sunny Sunbeam." For the first time, she turned her head and looked directly at the person with whom she had been having this baffling and rather unsatisfactory conversation, And then

Sunny's eyes really opened wide!

Standing over her (and Sunny was startled to discover that she was indeed sitting on the hearthstones of a great, open fireplace) was a tall, thin, angular girl with a pinched, frowning face. Sunny had never seen a weasel, and did not know what one looked like, but for some reason the word popped into her head.

"Ohmigoodness!" she exclaimed. "Who are

you?"

"Who am I?" the other piped. "Who do you suppose I am? I was Lena this morning, and I was Lena this afternoon; I dop't see any rea-

son why I shouldn't be Lena this evening!"

Sunny, understandingly enough, was still somewhat confused, so it was perfectly natural for her to think that the other girl meant "leaner" when she said "Lena."

"Gracious!" cried Sunny. "If you keep on getting leaner, you'll soon be no wider than a

shadow!"

"That's enough of that, you little snipe!" Lena snapped. "Now get up and help me pretty

myself for the Ball!"

Sunny, as a rule, was not in the habit of entertaining unkind thoughts about anyone, but she could not help thinking that it might be rather difficult for Lena to "pretty" herself. A more important and personal problem immediately occupied her mind, however, for, looking down at herself, she saw that she was wearing a plain, somewhat threadbare, grey dress, ragged at hemline and sleeves, and covered by a thin dust of ashes; on her feet, instead of her usual slippers, were wooden shoes, something like the kind worn by Dutch children.

"Goodness!" she said to herself. "Somehow or other, it seems that I've become Cinderella

- or Cinderella's turned into me!"

Sunny generally tried to do everything she was supposed to do, so, accepting the fact that she was now Cinderella (or the other way around), she went right to work doing Cinderella's chores.

First, she briskly brushed off most of the ash dust. Then she washed her hands and face in a big wooden bucket that stood on a bench outside the house, just under one of the kitchen windows. Finally, she went to Lena's bedroom and started to comb Lena's hair.

"Lena," she asked, after awhile, "- where's

your other sister?"

"I don't know what's the matter with you today, Cinderella!" Lena declared impatiently. "You know very well that Tena got married right after the last Ball and hasn't been home since!"

"Tena?" Sunny repeated, slowly, thinking about it. "Got married? But - I thought Cin-

derella got married?"

"The first Cinderella, I suppose you mean?" Lena said. "She got married after the Ball the year before."

"The first Cinderella?" Sunny asked, more bewildered than ever now, "There was more

than one?"

"Of course! What makes you so dull, Cinderella? We got so used to having a good servant around the house that we got another girl to replace Cinderella when that little snip went off and married her Prince. You are the sixth or seventh Cinderella we've had since then."

"I see!" nodded Sunny, working away busily with the hairbrush. "And you call every one

of us Cinderella?".

"It's easy to remember that way," Lena told her. "What's the sense of learning new names all the time?"

"None, I suppose," Sunny said, agreeably. "What became of all the Cinderellas between

.the first one and me?"

"They all got married, one after the other," replied Lena; and suddenly, there was a little break in her voice. "Every single one got married. Everybody gets married! Even my fat sister Tena got married." Her voice rose and became a heartrending wail: "Everybody gets married except ME!"

And with that, Lena burst into tears.

For a moment, so unexpected was this development, Sunny did not know what to do. Then, quickly sympathetic, she put down the hairbrush and slipped an arm around Lena's thin, shaking shoulders.

"Don't cry, Lena," she said gently. "Lots of people don't get married. Look at me, for in-

stance - I'm not married."

"You're only a child — but I'm a full-grown woman! And there must be something wrong with me, if everybody else can get married and I can't!"

"I don't think there's anything wrong with you, Lena," Sunny said. "Though I do imagine that people would like you better if you spoke more pleasantly to them. But, tell me, don't you have a fairy godmother, like Cinderella did? — that's the first Cinderella, of course."

"No, I don't have a fairy godmother," Lena wailed. "I don't have anybody to turn pumpkins into coaches, mice into horses, and frogs

into footmen!"

"Lena, dear," Sunny soothed, "— nobody needs a fancy coach, or prancing horses, or dressed-up footmen to make people like them. All you need is to be nice yourself. That's what Mommy always told me, and I'know it's true."

"Just being nice isn't enough!" argued Lena, sniffling violently. "You have to be pretty — and witty — and a good dancer — and dressed

in the latest style . . .!"

"Was your sister Tena pretty and witty, and a good dancer, and dressed in the latest style?"

Sunny asked.

"Who — her?" squeaked Lena, forgetting her tears for a moment. "I should say not! She was fat, and stupid, and she didn't know one foot from the other! And as for style, well!— a scarecrow dressed better than she did!"

"That's not a very nice way to talk about your sister, Lena," Sunny said. "But — if Tena was so unattractive as you say, how is it that anybody liked her well enough to marry her?"

"Welll, Tena was always a good listener," Lena admitted, "— and although she bleated like a sheep when she did talk, she had a fairly nice singing voice. And she was a good cook, too . . ." "You see. Lena?" And Sunny smiled. "Everybody has something nice about them, if you only look for it. Take yourself, for instance: you have very beautiful hair."

"I do?" Surprise and wonderment blended in Lena's voice — and the harshness was quite

gone out of her tone.

"You really do, Lena, I know — because I've been brushing it and combing it, and feeling its softness in my fingers. It's very fine hair, but it's strong; it has a beautiful color and it curls easily. And it smells fresh and sweet."

"I do wash it regularly." Lena said, and now she sounded pleased. "But hair is only hair, after all. Nobody would marry me just because

I have nice hair."

"You never can tell why people marry each other," Sunny stated (and she didn't know at all why people did). "But I just know there must be something else about you that someone would like. Look at those lovely pictures on the wall, now; I think they're very nice, and pretty — so that shows you have good taste, anyway."

"Those pictures?" Lena sounded surprised.

"Why, I painted them."

"You did?" Sunny cried. "That's even better!"

There was a small moment of silence after

that, then Lena said thoughtfully:

"You know what, Cinderella the Sixth? — or Seventh — whichever you are. You make me feel very good somehow. I think I might really enjoy myself at the Ball tonight!"

"Goodie!" exclaimed Sunny. "Now, let me finish your hair, and then you can put on your.

prettiest dress and get started."

The minutes flew, and then the hours, and shortly after midnight, Lena was rushing back in the front door, her face radiant with smiling happiness. Sunny, who had gone to sleep on the rag rug in front of the hearth, instead of in the ashes on the hearth itself, raised herself on one elbow, and greeted the returning girl.

"Did you have a nice time, Lena?"

"The best of my whole life, Sunnyella!"
Lena cried. "I met the most wonderful Prince
— and he loves me — and we're going to be
married! Oh, I'm so happy!"

And Lena ran swiftly across the room, bent down, and kissed Sunny hard on the cheek.

"It's time to get up, dear! You have to get into your pajamas and go to bed properly."

"What? What did you say?" Sunny asked,

blinking her eyes.

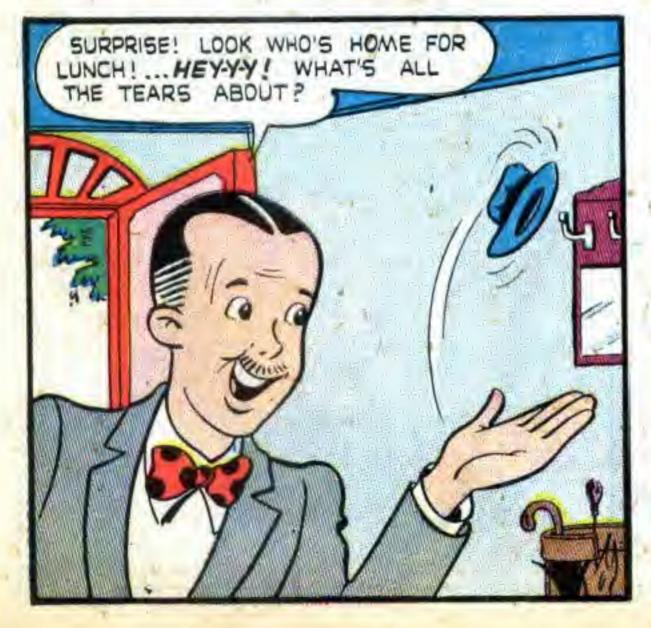
"I said it's bedtime, darling. You don't want to sleep on the couch all night, do you, Sunny?"

It wasn't Lena; it was Mommy. And Sunny was back in her own home again — but now she knew what had happened to Cinderella's sisters.





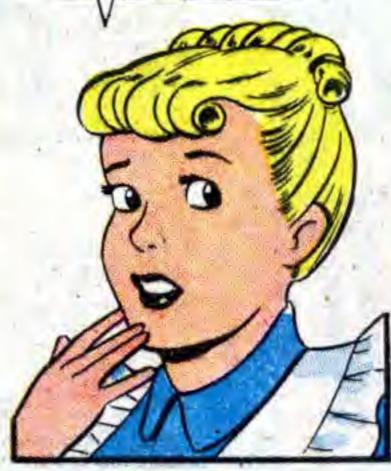




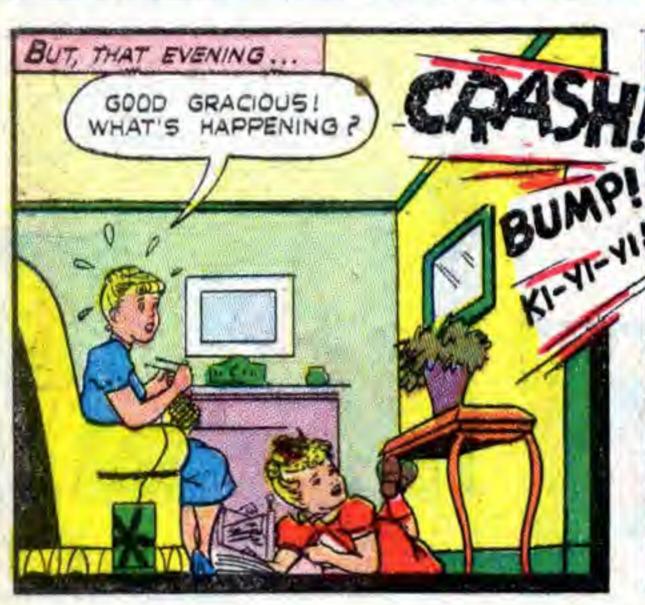
















LOOK! MY BEST FISHING TACKLE! MY
FAVORITE PIPES! THAT DOG - THAT
DOG - SHE'S GOT TO GO ...!







